

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
Revocation of the Educator	)	ORDER OF
Certificate of	)	REVOCATION
Samuel E. Gallishaw,	)	
Certificate 213815	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 12, 2005. On February 8, 2005, the State Board issued an Order of Summary Suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 213815 based on the arrest of Samuel E. Gallishaw on armed robbery charges. Mr. Gallishaw was notified of the summary suspension on February 9, 2005. On August 24, 2005, the Office of Educator Certification served Mr. Gallishaw a notice of his right to a hearing regarding the revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Gallishaw received the notice, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt, but did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Gallishaw's certificate.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Gallishaw holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate with two years of teaching experience. During the 2004-2005 school year, Mr. Gallishaw was employed as a teacher at Sanders Middle School in Richland County School District One (District). On December 10, 2004, the District placed Mr. Gallishaw on administrative leave pending an investigation into the allegations that Mr. Gallishaw had used excessive force against a student while working in the

school's aftercare program. On January 10, 2005, while still on administrative leave from the District, Mr. Gallishaw was arrested by the Columbia Police Department for the armed robbery of a restaurant.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes crimes against the laws of this state, unprofessional conduct, and evident unfitness for position held. S.C. Code Ann § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support its determination that just cause exists to revoke Mr. Gallishaw's educator certificate.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

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Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
October 12, 2005